

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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HIDEAKI OKAMOTO)	
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Filed: July 17, 2006)	
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign documents are enclosed.

The cited documents may be deemed pertinent for the reasons discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the specification

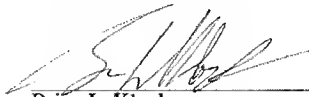
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Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be due. However, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. L. Klock', is written over a horizontal line.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	6,130,774	10-2000	Albert et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	0 716 390	06-1996	WIPO			
	0 740 266	10-1996	WIPO			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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